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## <u>ABSTRACT</u>

In accordance with one embodiment of the present invention, a digital certificate is used to link an arbitrary provisioned right with an associated arbitrary digital action to be performed by a client device on or with respect to a protected digital content object. In one embodiment, the certificate is associated with one or more secure components, which are utilized by the client device in association with performance of the digital action.